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Man Convicted of Rape Dies in Prison

JACKSON – A state inmate who was a former Justice Court judge and law enforcement officer convicted of rape has died in prison.

Billy T. Bonner, 78, died Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 11:40 p.m. at the hospital at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Bonner, #182296, was sentenced in March 2013 after pleading guilty in Wayne County. He was given five years to serve.

The cause and manner of death are pending an autopsy.

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